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April 29, 2004

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SACRAMENTO UPDATE

SB 1905 (Torlakson), as amended on April 28, 2004, would repeal the maximum annual registration fees that can be charged by a county agricultural commissioner for testing or inspecting various weighing devices and would instead allow a Board of Supervisors to set fees at a level that would recover a county's actual costs. The bill would also eliminate the 2006 sunset date for these and other fees.

Existing law generally authorizes counties to charge an annual registration fee to recover the costs of inspecting or testing devices. However, the law exempts certain weighing and measuring devices, including motor truck scales and certain livestock scales, and instead sets a maximum annual charge that can be collected by a county agricultural commissioner.

According to the Agricultural Commissioner, Department of Weights and Measures, current fee levels fall far short of recovering the actual costs of testing and inspection. The Department indicates that SB 1905 would give the Board the authority to set these fees to fully recover the cost of these mandated services. The Department recommends that the County support SB 1905, and we concur. **Therefore, our Sacramento Advocates will support SB 1905.** Support is consistent with Board policy to secure full reimbursement for State mandated services.

SB 1905, which was introduced on March 8, 2004, is currently in the Senate Local Government Committee, with a hearing date set for May 5, 2004. There is currently no registered support or opposition.

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Status of County-Interest Legislation

County-opposed AB 2013 (Steinberg), which would eliminate the authority for the Department of Public Social Services to operate the statewide fingerprint imaging system and make conforming changes to the Kin-Gap Program, passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee by a 14 to 4 vote. Our Sacramento advocates testified in opposition. The bill now proceeds to the Assembly Floor.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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